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premises which lies in the cheri site itself with a view to test the water before actually sinking a well for them and the same action was prevented by the village munsif including a mirasidar of the place?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" In this case also, may I know what steps have already been taken ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" With regard to clause (*a*) I understand that the District Labour Officer is making arrangements to provide house-sites, well and school, and as regards clause (*b*) I understand that the order has been withdrawn on the intervention of the Collector and the well will be completed as soon as possible."

Forests.

Indianization of the Service of Conservators of Forests.

* 457 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps Government are taking to indianize the Forest Conservative service ; and

(*b*) (i) whether Government have made or contemplate making any appointments for that purpose ; and

(ii) if so, who have been appointed and what are their qualifications, place of birth, religion and antecedents?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the classified list of Forest Officers in the Madras Presidency (with Coorg) corrected up to 1st July 1925 from which it will be seen that of the last 11 officers appointed to the Indian Forest Service, 10 are Indians. Information as to their qualifications is appended.[a]

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Mr. Saldanha's question, as I understand, is as to how many Forest Conservators were Indians but here the numbers given relate to the whole Forest service, both European and Indian. May I request the hon. Member whether he will be pleased to look into the matter and, if there is absolutely no Indian Conservator appointed, to see that one is appointed next time ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I will look into it, Sir."

Jails.

Alleged rape of a female prisoner in the Adoni Jail.

* 458 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Mastan Sahib, Sub-Jail Warder, Adoni, Bellary district, was transferred to Alur as a punishment for failing to report to the Sub-Jail Superintendent at Adoni that a female prisoner complained of rape by a police officer ;

(*b*) whether the Divisional Officer, Adoni, held any inquiry into the alleged complaint and if so, with what result ;

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 845 infra.